

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Koji YANAI et al.

Serial No. 10/089,514

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: **Confirmation No. 7814**

: Attorney Docket No. 2002\_0451A

: Group Art Unit 1656

: Examiner Chih Min Kam

TRANSFORMANTS PRODUCING  
SECONDARY METABOLITES MODIFIED  
WITH FUNCTIONAL GROUPS, AND  
NOVEL BIOSYNTHESIS GENES

: **Mail Stop: Amendment**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 1, 2006 and further to the after-final response filed February 7, 2006, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), requesting entry of the amendments in the after-final response, was filed on April 18, 2006.

**THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES  
FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 23-0975**